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## Council discusses facts of Plaza

By ELIZABETH STOHLTON

Members of the Salt Lake City Council gathered Tuesday night in the city council chambers for a fact finding hearing about the Main Street Plaza, while protesters outside the building chanted, "It's not about Joseph Smith. It's about the Main Street Plaza."

Past city council and planning commission members were invited to attend, as well as former Mayor Deedee Corradini, Bishop David Burton of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, representatives from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Unitarian Church.

"I would like to stress that the city council has not made a decision," said Dave Buhler, chair of the Salt Lake City Council. "Tonight we would like to deepen our understanding."

Buhler said it's important for the council to hear from those that were in elected office when the original deal was made in 1999. Six of the seven current council members were not in office when The Church of Jesus Christ made a deal with the city of Salt Lake, Buhler said.

"We realize the seriousness of this issue to our community," he said.

Buhler said council members have reviewed the transcripts and minutes from the original council meetings and court documents.

The purpose of the hearing is to first under-

stand what happened, and then why it happened, Buhler said.

Former Mayor Corradini, mayor when the sale was made, told council members of the importance of the history of Salt Lake. Corradini said council members in office when the sale was made were aware that Temple Square was the No. 1 tourist attraction in the state. This deal, she said, was designed to help businesses, the community and state tourism.

Council members questioned Corradini about whether the city was rushed into the sale with The Church of Jesus Christ.

"No one was rushing it or saying that it had to happen in these time frames," Corradini said.

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## Researcher sparks religious conflict

Murray resident urges LDS Church to apologize for proxy baptisms

By KIRA CLUFF

If The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chooses not to cooperate with current efforts to halt proxy baptisms of deceased Jews, Murray, Utah, resident Helen Radkey said she will publish an exposé of what she sees as an unreasonable breach of contract.

Monte Brough, a member of the First Quorum of Seventy, and D. Todd Christofferson, a member of the Presidency of the Seventy for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, met Tuesday with Ernest W. Schell, chairman of the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, to discuss an apparent break with the church's commitment to perform such ordinance work.

That commitment, made in 1995, promised the Jewish community that members would immediately cease performing ordinance work for deceased Jews and Holocaust victims.

Under the agreement, the church also removed approximately 400,000 names from its International Genealogical Index in 2001.

Included among those records were the names of Sigmund Freud, the father of psychoanalysis; David Ben-Gurion, first prime minister of Israel; and more than a dozen relatives of Anne Frank, a Holocaust victim, who later became a literary giant with the posthumous publication of her diary.

Only direct Jewish descendants may bypass the need to submit or give express permission for the release of information on their ancestors.

According to Radkey, the church has failed to remove many of the pertinent Jewish records from its genealogical archives. She also said thousands of names, entered after the contract was signed, still appear in church records.

Radkey's reports finding 20,000 names, including prominent celebrities Anne Frank and her extended family, Ghengis Khan, Joan of Arc, Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Buddha. She also said as many as 100 of those names were pulled from European church records.

According to Radkey, some of the death records were issued from death camps such as Auschwitz and Birkenau.

"Jewish groups do not want to make a fuss," Radkey said. "They don't want political disturbance. I'm a researcher. I don't care about the politics. I just want the truth to come out."

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## Giving the gift of Christmas



Photo by Jill Ivie

Carrie Sepp, from Kent, Ohio, donates a gift at The Pizza Factory for the Children with Cancer Christmas Foundation. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 16.

## Donations help the Children with Cancer Christmas Foundation

By NICOLE MATSEN

BYU's men and women's basketball teams and the Da Kind club are teaming up with the Children with Cancer Christmas Foundation to make this Christmas brighter for children with cancer and their siblings by volunteering at the foundation's Christmas party on Dec. 17.

For the past couple of weeks, the foundation has been accepting new unwrapped toys and cash donations at drop-off boxes located at all Far West Banks and The Pizza Factory. The pick up day for all donations is Dec. 16.

"For the last three years, Cosmo, the basketball coaches and BYU's varsity men and women's basketball team have been participating in our Christmas event," said Mac Neil Boyter, the founder of the Children with Cancer

Christmas Foundation. "We also get several groups on campus to support us with volunteers. It is a wonderful thing for the children to be so up-close and personal with the athletes and volunteers."

Every year the foundation sends letters to families with children afflicted with cancer, inviting them to attend its Christmas event. This year the foundation is expecting 350, plus volunteers, to attend, Boyter said.

"We want to reach all the families whose children are battling cancer," Boyter said.

"There is a growing need, and we want to send those families the message that someone knows you're there and we want to help you."

The foundation contacts families in Wasatch, South Salt Lake, Utah, Juab and Sanpete counties, focusing on children 1 to 12 years old, Boyter said.

The foundation will hold this year's party in the Cougar room, where players, volunteers, Cosmo and Santa play with the children while eating dinner, which is being provided by The Pizza Factory, Boyter said.

The night of the party, while the children are busy with volunteers, the parents will go into a room where all the donated gifts have been set up for them to pick gifts for their child with cancer as well as any siblings. Santa will give the children their selected presents later that evening.

"It is a great experience for everyone," Boyter said. "The athletes sign

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## Elder Nelson speaks of the perfect gift for the Savior

By JARED JONES

Receiving the gift of a worthy life to the Savior at Christmas and all year long was the message Russell M. Nelson's Christmas message to BYU students at Tuesday's Devotional.

The greatest gift that you could give to the Lord at this or any other time of the

year is to keep yourselves unspotted from the world — worthy to enter his holy house," said Elder Nelson, a member of the Council of the Twelve from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "His gift to you will be the peace and security of knowing that you are worthy to meet him whenever that time shall come."

Elder Nelson said the time is coming when those who do not obey the Lord will be separated from those who do.

"Brothers and sisters, I plead with you to rise above the tasks of the day and the hurdles ahead," he said. "You can do more than the deeds scheduled in your daily planners. You can take the name of the Lord upon you and become more like him. You can rise to your great potential. You can prepare for the future with greater spiritual capacity."

Elder Nelson said the fullness of

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Elder Nelson visits with students after Tuesday's Devotional.

Photo by Amber Clawson

## [ Weather ]



## TODAY

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High 38, low 22



## THURSDAY

Partly cloudy  
High 36, low 19

## YESTERDAY

High 42, low 26, as of 5 p.m.

## PRECIPITATION

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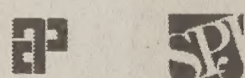
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## BRIEFING



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A protester holds a sign during an anti-war march in Washington, Tuesday. Several hundred people turned out and called on the Bush administration for a peaceful solution to the situation with Iraq.

## Iraq says U.S. plans to tamper with arms declaration

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Iraqi government accused Washington on Tuesday of taking control of a U.N. master copy of Baghdad's arms declaration in order to tamper with it and create a pretext for war.

President Saddam Hussein, meanwhile, spoke of war and sacrifice in a meeting with top lieutenants, men U.S. strategists hope will abandon the Iraqi strongman in the event of war. If war comes, Saddam told them, "your heads will remain high with honor, God willing."

The U.S.-Iraqi tensions flared again in the southern "no-fly zone" on Tuesday, when the U.S. command said its warplanes bombed an Iraqi anti-aircraft missile site 165 miles south-

east of Baghdad. Just across Iraq's southeastern border in Kuwait, U.S. Army units were conducting desert exercises.

The signs of war sharpened the atmosphere surrounding the Iraq crisis, just as the United Nations prepared to begin weeks of analysis of the 12,000-page Iraqi declaration, which is supposed to "tell all" about chemical, biological and nuclear programs.

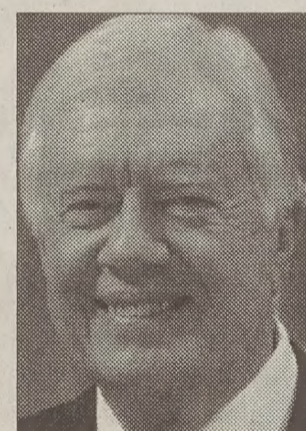
Iraq insists it no longer has weapons of mass destruction or programs to make them. The Bush administration says it's sure Baghdad does and has threatened war if, in the U.S. view, Saddam's government doesn't comply with U.N. disarmament demands.

## Carter accepts Nobel Prize

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Jimmy Carter accepted the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize on Tuesday and urged people to work for peace in a world that has become "a more dangerous place."

In the solemn ceremony, with music and flowers, Carter accepted a Nobel gold medal and diploma. The prize also includes a \$1 million cash prize.

Carter, smiling broadly, stayed only briefly on stage, displaying the gold Nobel medal and



Jimmy Carter  
Receives Nobel Prize

diploma to sustained applause.

The 78-year-old former president was honored for his pursuit of peace, health and human rights that began with the 1978 Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt that, but for a formality, would have won him the prize 24 years ago.

## Caracas court stops work

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's Supreme Court suspended its work Tuesday, citing political harassment and condemning deadly violence during an opposition general strike against President Hugo Chavez.

The announcement raised tensions surrounding the strike, now in its ninth day. It has paralyzed the crucial oil industry, which provides 70 percent of the country's export revenue and is a key supplier to the United States.

The Supreme Court decision was a blow to Chavez, who has long controlled the court. Several corruption cases are pending against Chavez in the Supreme Court, though it has already thrown some cases out.

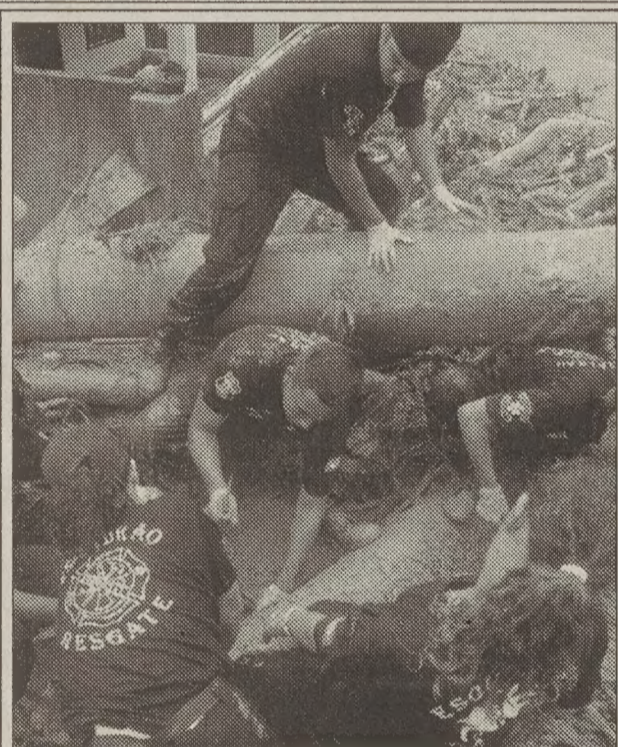
Last week, the pro-Chavez Congress voted to fire the Supreme Court's vice president, saying he wasn't qualified for the job.

Supreme Court Magistrate Alberto Martinez said the court would only act on the most urgent cases. There was no immediate government reaction to the announcement.



Reuters

Carrying a Venezuelan national flag, thousands of members of the opposition circle La Carlota Air Force military base, in Caracas Tuesday during a national strike against Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's government.



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## MUDSLIDES HIT BRAZIL

Volunteers search for victims of mudslides that reached Angra dos Reis, about 115 miles (184 km) west of Rio de Janeiro, Tuesday. Mudslides killed at least 36 people and left 40 missing in a Brazilian tourist seaside town.

## Bush names new SEC chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush selected former investment banker William H.

Donaldson to head the Securities and Exchange Commission and to restore confidence in markets shaken by a wave of corporate financial scandals.

His mission, as outlined by Bush on Tuesday: "to vigorously enforce our nation's laws against corporate corruption."

Standing beside Bush at the White House announcement, Donaldson took up the challenge. "As my mother used to say many years ago, it's time for all of us to pull up our socks."

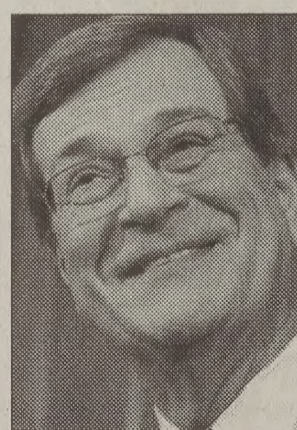
## Lott's apology not enough

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black lawmakers said Tuesday that Senate Republican leader Trent Lott did not go far enough in apologizing for remarks he made praising the 1948 presidential run of then-segregationist Strom Thurmond.

Democrats should not be too quick to drop the matter either, one black House Democrat said.

Separately, the NAACP said Lott, who will be Senate majority leader in the next Congress, should resign from his leadership position. "Hateful bigotry" has no place in Congress, the organization's president said.

"It sends a chilling message to all people," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., of the remarks Lott made last week at a birthday party for 100-year-old Thurmond, R-S.C., who is retiring after 48 years in the Senate.



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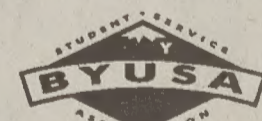
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photographs, play games and interact with the children, along with the other volunteers. It is a time for people to give of themselves. Everyone who walks away is enriched."

Meryl Rose, the vice chair of the foundation and the wife of the assistant coach for men's football, Dave Rose, said the foundation's Christmas event is bigger every year.

"People have been so generous and wonderful," Rose said. "We have a real need to find donations. College students, as poor as we are, have contributed. People's generosity really makes a difference to these families."

Rose said the party is a nice place for the families where they come as a family to relax and enjoy the evening.

"We include everyone at the party," said Rose. "There is no distinction between the sick and the not sick. And the focus of the party is not focused on Christmas, it is on getting the

children well."

Tosha Hansen, who is coordinating the Da Kind club's involvement in the foundation's party, said volunteering for the event went along with the club's theme, "Bringing Kindness to Kids."

Hansen said the foundation asked for about 20 volunteers to help set-up and play with the children.

"Mostly we are there to be supportive of the kids," said Hansen, 21, a senior from Stansford, Box Elder County, majoring in neuroscience. "Our main role will be at different tables and stations, doing different activities with the kids."

The Da Kind club, which just started this year, has been busy making blankets for children in shelters, but wanted to participate in something special for the holidays, Hansen said.

"Our club members wanted more interaction with kids," Hansen said. "When we heard about the Children with Cancer Christmas Foundation, we knew we wanted to help."

## BAPTISMS

Researcher wants proxy baptisms regulated

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Those who attended Tuesday aren't saying much.

Michel told The Associated Press that he will continue to discuss future policy with church officials, calling the talk preliminary.

As the original contract broker, Michel continues to represent the Jewish community's desire to peaceably resolve the situation with the church.

According to church spokeswoman Kim Farah, the meeting with Michel was a part of that ongoing effort to cooperate with various Jewish organizations to maintain its 1995 agreement to discourage proxy baptisms of Jewish Holocaust victims.

"The discussion with Mr. Michel was positive and productive," Farah said in a written statement.

"The church works diligently to maintain good-faith, cooperative relationships with a

number of Jewish genealogical organizations. These relationships are amicable and mutually beneficial," she said.

Millions of church members from around the world gather names used in proxy baptismal services by scanning genealogical records published both by private and public institutions.

BYU professor of Church History and Doctrine Bruce Van Orden said the church uses Temple Ready, a software package developed by the church within the last 10 years, to examine names submitted for ordinance work.

Ideally the software will cut down on duplicate and inappropriate name submissions.

Church leaders are encouraged to remind members that their primary responsibility should be to research their own family members, Van Orden said. Any other work done for the dead should only be done after much prayerful consideration.

## EFFECTS

City leaders discuss Main Street Plaza

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Corradini said human behavior is such that different people want different things, but she said she was working on sale of Main Street were clear on the terms.

Rose said it was the intent of the city to benefit the city of Salt

Lake and The Church of Jesus Christ.

"I think it's a win-win situation," Corradini said.

H. David Burton, presiding Bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ said the church went through every step prescribed. Burton said the church made it clear that it must retain full control of Main Street or else there was no deal. He said under no condition would the church have gone forward with the purchase if they were not protected from a public forum.

"We don't think an easement will work. Period," Burton said.

"We don't think an easement without the restrictions will work."

Burton said the purpose of the plaza is to create a beautiful place between two buildings the church holds sacred.

Former City Council Chair Keith Christensen said The Church of Jesus Christ made it clear to council members that if there could not be restrictions on conduct in the plaza, there would be no deal. Christensen said Bur-

ton met with each council member individually and discussed the terms of the sale.

Jill Remington Love, current city council member, said the public has been misinformed about the terms of the sale, and that is why a fact finding hearing is necessary. She said it will be helpful to get options.

While the public was not allowed to comment on Main Street Tuesday, the city council is holding a public hearing on Dec. 17 to hear public opinion on the issue.

## NELSON

Gift for the Savior

and his birthday

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Christ's ministry lies in the fact that the prophecies of the second coming have yet to be fulfilled.

At his first coming, Jesus came almost in secret. Only a few portals knew of his birth," he said. "At his second coming, the whole of human kind will witness his return. Then he will

come, not as a man traveling on the Earth, but his glory shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."

Elder Nelson quoted Doctrine and Covenants 68:6, which says, "Wherefore, be of good cheer, and do not fear, for I the Lord am with you, and will stand by you; and ye shall bear record of me, even Jesus Christ, that I am the Son of the living God, that I was, that I am, and that I am to come."

"Lovingly, we cling to that promise," Elder Nelson said. "Difficult days are ahead for all mankind. Sin is on the increase."

He said when members of the

church are yoked with Christ, they can arise above all challenges, no matter how difficult they may be.

Elder Nelson said the atonement of Jesus Christ is the central act of all human history because it makes the resurrection a reality and the gift of eternal life a possibility for all who would obey his teachings. He also said Christmas recollections are enriched by these realities.

"With Christmas only a fortnight away, thoughts turn to our homes and families," he said. Elder Nelson and his wife, Dantzel White Nelson, enjoy

many Christmas traditions.

"Through all of our various Christmas traditions, I hope that we are focused first on the Lord Jesus Christ," he said. "As a special witness of his holy name, I testify that Jesus is the divine Son of the living God. He will love you, lift you and manifest himself unto you if you will love him and keep his commandments."



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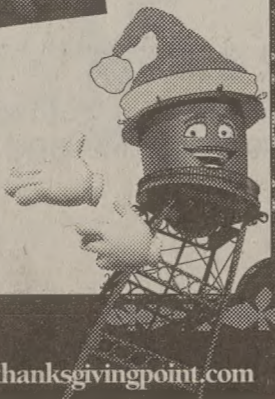
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# Californians' overuse of Colorado River surplus prompts suspension of use

Associated Press

EL CENTRO, Calif. — The U.S. Interior Department said Tuesday it was moving to make good on a threat to withhold enough Colorado River water to supply 1.6 million households in California at the start of the new year.

The announcement came a day after the state's poorest county rejected a deal to relinquish a portion of its massive share of river water — the linchpin to a broader agreement to curb the state's historic overuse of the Colorado.

"This decision will have very serious consequences for all of California," Bennett Raley, assistant secretary of the U.S. Interior Department, said in a conference call with reporters.

Beginning Jan. 1, the Interior Department will suspend California's use of surplus Colorado River water, Raley said.

For years, California has used 800,000 acre-feet more than the 4.4 million acre-feet it is entitled to under an agreement with seven Western states, because the other states didn't use all of their allotments.

Three years of rapid growth across the West, however, have prompted the Interior Department to enforce "the law of the river," Raley said.

Withholding surplus Colorado River water would be unlikely to trigger water shortages in Southern California in the near future. Water districts in Los Angeles and San Diego, the two biggest urban users of Colorado River water, have said they have adequate supplies for at least the next two years.

But the Interior Department said that unless a deal was signed, it was sure to begin scrutinizing how Colorado River water was used by California farmers, who hold the rights to the lion's share of the state's allotment.

"No water user has a right to waste water," Raley said.

The focus of that scrutiny was sure to fall on the Imperial Valley, the nation's largest irrigation district, which receives more than 3 million acre-feet of Colorado water each year — about 70 percent of California's total river allotment.

Raley suggested that Interior Secretary Gail Norton has the authority to seize water that was being wasted, but has not yet decided whether to do so. But in any event, there will have to be some steps taken to curb agricultural use of the Colorado River.

"That's where the bulk of the water goes," he said.

On Monday, the Imperial Irrigation District's board of directors voted 3-2 to reject a deal to transfer nearly 500,000 acre-feet of water a year — enough for 1 million households — to districts across Southern California.

The biggest portion, up to 200,000 acre-feet, would have gone to fast-growing San Diego County.

Imperial water officials say 98 percent of its water is used to irrigate farms that produce \$1 billion worth of food each year from desert farmfields in a region with the lowest median income in California.

"Without water in the Imperial Valley, we are nothing," said Imperial Irrigation District board president Stella Mendoza, who voted against the deal.

# Students, professors cope with finals

By CHRIS STEVENS

Relax. Finals are a time for celebration.

"Students need to relax and maintain a positive attitude to experience a positive outcome," said Randy Bott, associate professor in the religion department.

"Students become self-fulfilling prophets by thinking and acting in a particular manner," he said. "If students believe they have it bad then a bad outcome is what it becomes."

Bott calls his exam a "celebration" to help his students keep a positive attitude toward having to take a test.

Although a test is a necessary measure of a student's progress, it does not need to be a pressure-packed situation of pass or fail, he said.

"Students need to remember they're celebrating the fact that they're one step closer to graduation," Bott said.

While some dread finals week, others look forward to it.

"I think finals week is a more relaxing time than the rest of the year," said Dustin Higgins, 22, a junior from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in microbiology.

Reading days allow students

"Students need to remember they're celebrating the fact that they're one step closer to graduation."

**Randy Bott**  
Associate religion professor

additional time to prepare for finals and to cope with stressors, Higgins said.

Sleeping is a popular escape from the stress of finals.

Larene Smart, 21, a senior from Twin Falls, Idaho, majoring in psychology, said she needs the escape of sleep in order to manage the eight tests she will take in a week.

Sleeping helps to maintain focus and to delay the feeling of inadequacy, she said.

Even though finals are important, students need to keep the eternal perspective in mind, said Norman Nemrow, an accounting professor.

"Read your scriptures on a daily basis so you don't lose perspective," he said.

# Ruling on payroll deductions incites conflict

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A district judge appears to have struck down the Utah law prohibiting governments and school districts from collecting payroll deductions from workers for political action committees.

But the state and labor unions both claimed victory with conflicting interpretations of the decision by 3rd District Judge Stephen Henriod.

The law, which prevents employees from voluntarily authorizing a payroll deduction for political activity by unions and others, violates free expression, Henriod said.

It also violates the U.S. Constitution by impairing labor contracts that provide for PAC deductions, he said in a summary of his 15-page decision.

But elsewhere in the opinion, Henriod said the Voluntary Contributions Act "does not significantly impinge on any First Amendment rights."

He also found it didn't violate the due-process clause of the 14th Amendment.

A state attorney and a national right-to-work group said Henriod ruled the law unconstitutional only for existing labor pacts that provide for political deductions.

Under this interpretation, new labor contracts could not authorize the payroll deductions, phasing out the practice.

"We're delighted the court has upheld key provisions of the Voluntary Contributions Act," said Paul Burke, an outside attorney representing the state.

"The Legislature passed the act to protect Utah's public

employees from coercion and keep governments out of the business of collecting political contributions.

The court found these to be legitimate and constitutional goals," he said.

Not so, insisted public-employee unions.

"The heart of it, he struck down," said Fred Van Der Veur, executive director of Utah Public Employees Association. "The state still has a car, but no engine."

The 22,000-teacher Utah Education Association also maintains Henriod blocked state and local governments from discontinuing the payroll practice.

Henriod wouldn't clarify his opinion when reached by The Associated Press, saying he expected the case to be appealed.

"The unions can't use the state as a bagman for political

funds anymore," said Stefan Gleason, vice president of the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation.

# Good Samaritan caters bread across Utah County

By CHANTEL RHODES

Most students don't know his name, but many have seen the mystery bread man in his old white station wagon delivering rolls, bagels, muffins and other baked goods at Wymount Terrace.

The balding, elderly man slows his car as if to ask directions, but he knows exactly where he's going.

"I've got your delivery," he says with a smile.

Albert Ostraff of Alpine is the mysterious man, and he has a soft spot for students. He, his wife and their three children are all BYU alumni.

Ostraff said he prefers to be known only as Albert, and shied at the idea of being the subject of an article.

Eventually, he opened up and told stories about his Navy days in the '40s and his work in travel and higher education.

Now Ostraff salvages day-old bread from different local stores three days a week and delivers it to people he said he thinks could use it.

Ostraff delivers his edibles to Deseret Industries, families and widows. Whenever there is bread left over, he takes it to the students at Wymount.

Ostraff has been in the bread delivery business for more than 20 years.

He saw that stores would throw away bakery goods as soon as they expired but were still quite usable.

Rather than letting all that food go to waste, Ostraff began salvaging it.

"I just felt people needed it," he said.

Ostraff has tried to get bread to students in various ways. When one avenue closes, he opens another one.

On his days off, Ostraff has arranged for someone from the Bishop's Storehouse, a part of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints welfare program, to pick up the bread.

He said he has talked to BYU bishops and stake presidents in the past to help arrange for students to pick up the bread, but that didn't work out.

More than 20 years ago, Ostraff made arrangements for Deseret Industries in Salt Lake City to pick up bread from one of the nearby Smith's stores.

When new Smith's management discontinued the donations, Ostraff found other stores that would donate the bread they would otherwise throw away.

Recently, Macey's in Provo has agreed to donate its day-old baked goods to his project. Other stores also contribute.

Ostraff said he gets bread at different stores at different times.

Although retired, Ostraff still occasionally substitute teaches at American Fork High School and other schools when he isn't making his volunteer bread rounds.

He fills in for teachers "only if they're in dire need," he said. Then, he added, "I'm glad to help them."

"He loves to play the good Samaritan," said his wife, Nola. "It's amazing how my husband gets around."

Although she said she encourages her husband to slow down, Ostraff keeps up his busy schedule.

"We have a lot of people who have expressed thanks," Nola Ostraff said. "He is a good man."

Ostraff enjoys helping people while maintaining a low profile.

But Nola Ostraff said in their BYU days, her husband was anything but a low profile.

She recalled seeing a picture of Ostraff on the front page of "The Y News," precursor to The Daily Universe. In the photo he was riding a white horse across campus.

"He was quite prominent on campus," she said.

She filled out a preference card, which is how women at BYU asked their dates to the preference dance at the time, because she wanted to get to know Ostraff.

Although he has since traded in the white horse for a white station wagon, Ostraff stays active on campus in his own way, doing what he can to help student families fill their stomachs.

"I was in business (as a student)," he said. "Now I give people the business."

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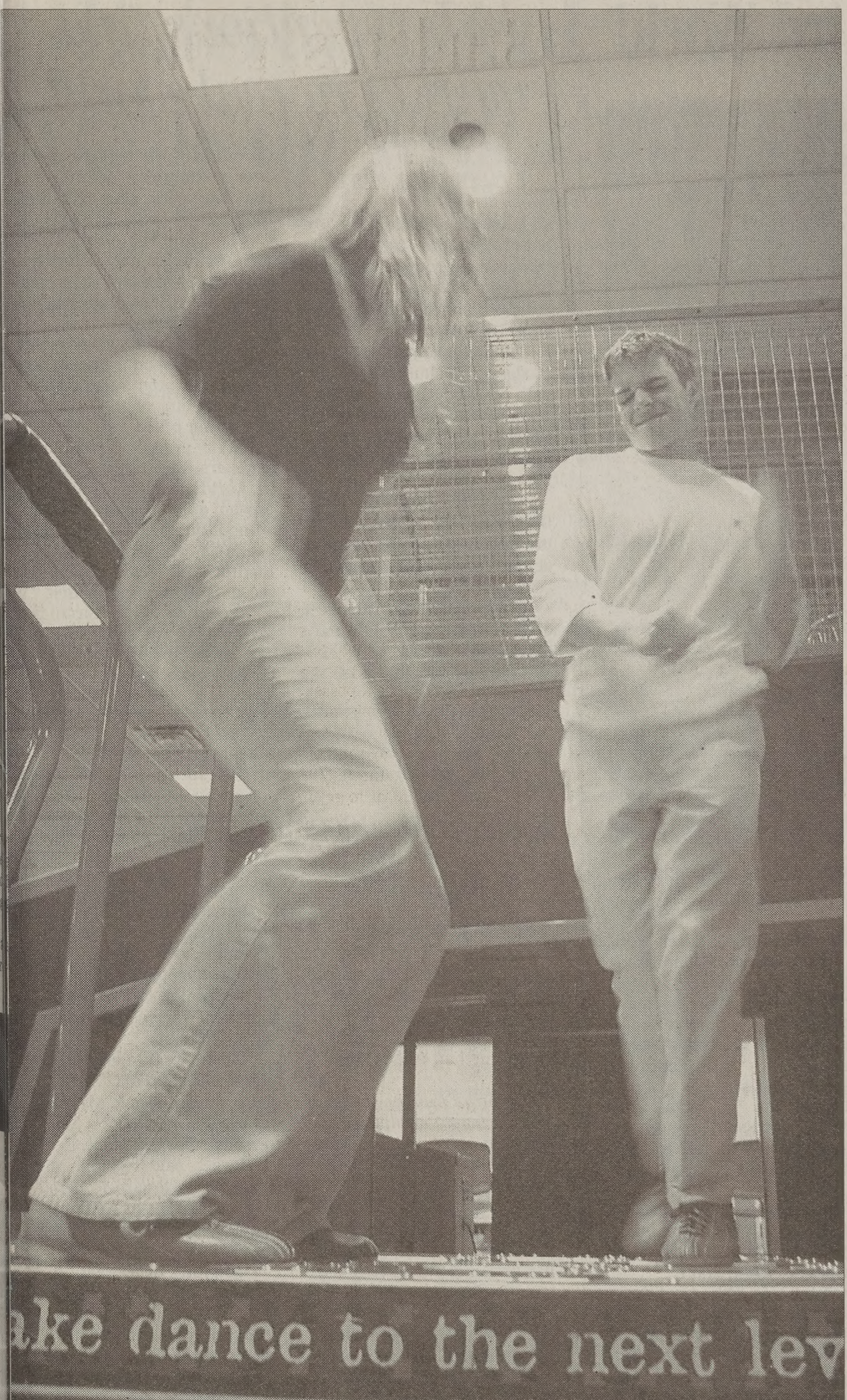


Photo by Andy von Harten  
Alicia Brown, 18, from Genola, Utah County, and Adam Dunne, 17, from West Mountain, Utah County, dance on the Pump It Up, dance arcade game in the campus Games Center.

# Popular dance machine enthralls students

By NICOLE MATSEN

After conquering multiple levels with beads of perspiration on his forehead, Matthew Witt stepped off the BYU Games Center's Pump It Up dance machine. The Korean-made arcade game, which directs players to step or dance on footpads, guided by dancers and arrows on a video screen, is becoming an international craze.

"It's an addiction," said Witt, 22, a linguistics and Korean major from Baton Rouge, La. "When I first started I was terrible. But once I started playing I got hooked. It has been over a year now, and I play several times a week."

Game Center employees, as well as Game Center regulars, consider Witt one of the best at the video game on campus. Crowds often form to watch him.

"I first heard of the machine while serving my mission in Korea, where it is really popular," Witt said. "Then one day I was walking by Games Center and there it was. I was shocked. My jaw just dropped because I had never seen the Pump It Up machine in America."

Witt said there are two major dance video machines; Pump It Up which is a Korean model with five sensor dance pads, and the Japanese model, Dance Dance Revolution, which has four pads.

"The difficulty of the game depends on the song and the levels," Witt said. "Both versions of the game can be extremely difficult, it just depends."

Though Witt said he has played the game for two and a half hours before, he usually plays for 30 minutes to an hour.

He said the Games Center keeps the machine in tip-top condition and the only injury he has had is a bad case of shin splints, though a couple of times he has come close to passing out.

"I've always liked music, and the game gives me the opportunity to get the blood flowing and

"It's an addiction, when I first started I was terrible. But once I started playing I got hooked."

**Matthew Witt**  
Dance game fanatic

the adrenaline pumping," Witt said. "When I am stressed out it helps me feel better."

At 50 cents a turn, which length depends on the quickness and coordination of the player, Witt said he spends more than he can afford on the machine.

"I am a lot lighter on my feet

now after playing the game for so long," Witt said. "I like to see how much I have improved. I always want to push myself harder. Some of the upper levels can get pretty intense."

One newspaper, reported in May that the games can have health benefits.

The article said some players have lost up to 15 pounds from using the machine.

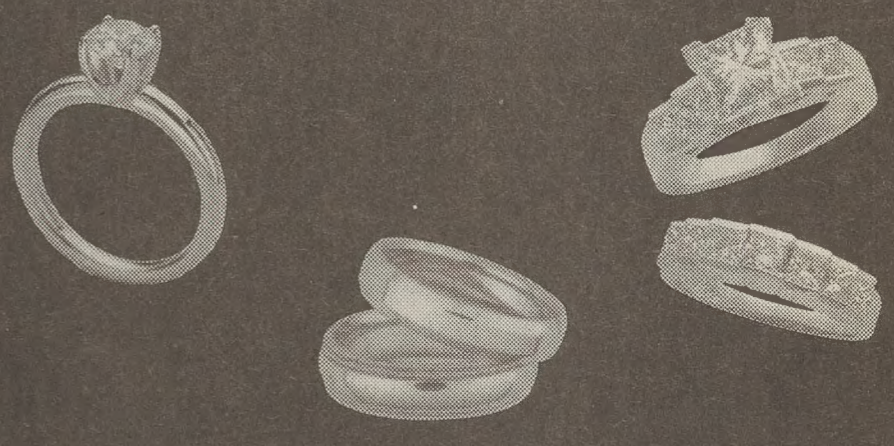
The article told about Patrick Henry Middle School where Dance Dance Revolution machines were installed to get their students more active.

Based on how frequently it is used and the income it makes, BYU's Games Center Manager, Kari Hullinger, said the Pump It Up dance arcade game is very popular.

"I think the combination of  
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# Pre-Dental Club brings smiles to Third World

*Students serve over Thanksgiving in Galapagos Islands*

By JULENE THOMPSON

A long line of the people outside a Galapagos Island high school waited for 7 a.m. They were told volunteers would come to work on their teeth.

BYU students and volunteers from all over the United States met the lines over Thanksgiving break and worked constantly for nine hours each day. They were still unable to treat everyone.

"We always had a steady flow," said Misha Young, 21, a senior from Germantown, Tenn., majoring in history. "There was never a lull, and we still had to turn a lot of people away."

Robison explained that there are a few dentists on the islands, but they are so expensive that most people don't have the luxury.

"A lot of these people have never seen a dentist in their lives," said Blake Robison, 23, a senior from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in business. "They never would have the opportunity if it weren't for projects like this."

Robison will start dental school in July at The University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif.

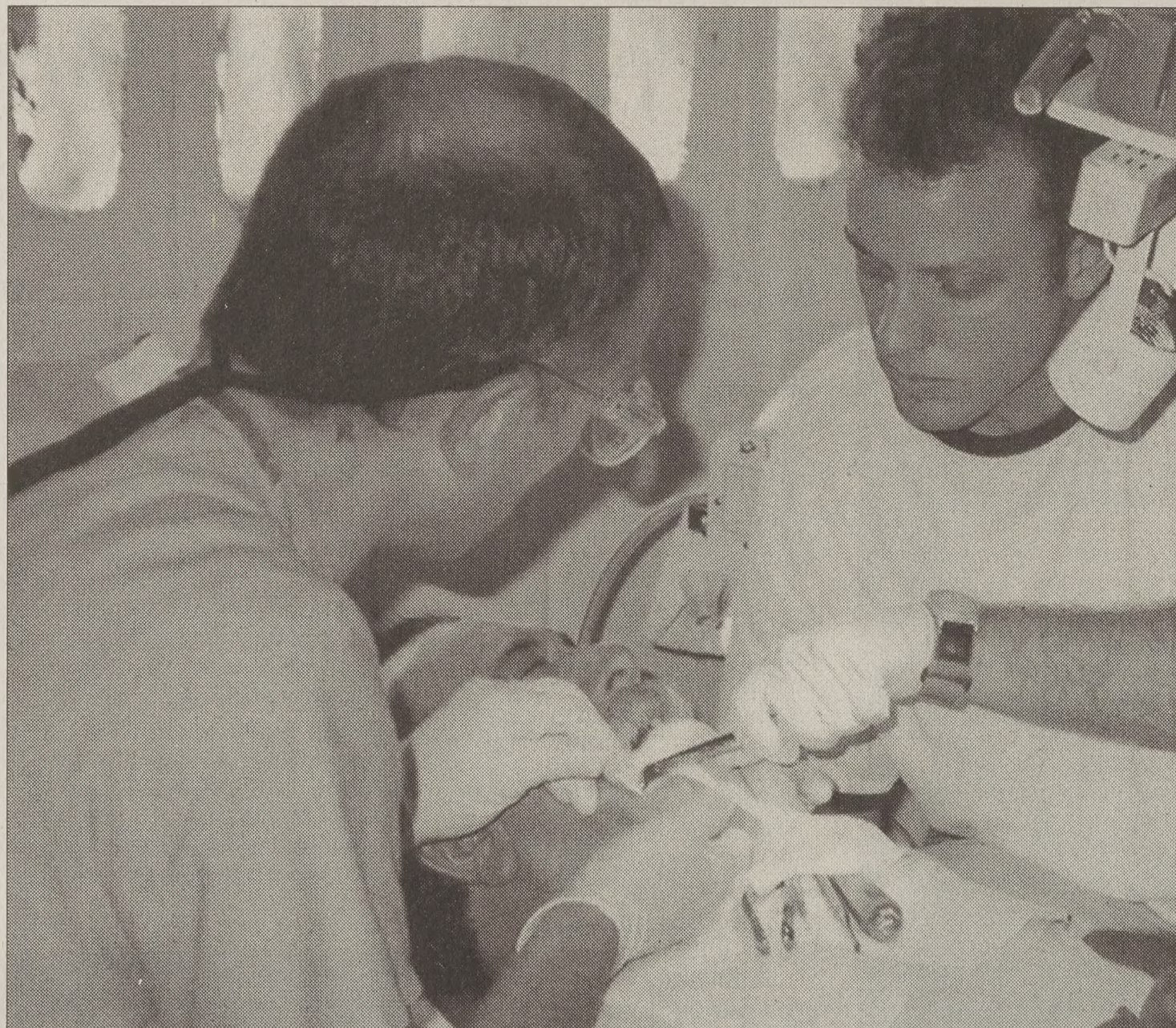
Like Robison, the almost 20 BYU volunteers went on the trip are in the BYU Pre-Dental Club and plan to go to dental school after graduation.

The students gained experience diagnosing, pulling teeth and filling cavities.

"There were so many patients, so the dentists really appreciated our help," said Peter Elton, 23, a junior from Puyallup, Wash., majoring in zoology. "We were able to do minor procedures with very close supervision."

The Pre-Dental Club found out about the trip through the Charity Anywhere Foundation. It was the foundation's first trip to the Galapagos Islands, Young said.

A dentist from Quito, Ecuador,



At right, Lance Gledhill, 24, a senior from Basin City, Wash., majoring in zoology, works with a dentist during his visit to the Galapagos Islands. Gledhill was one of almost 20 BYU students to go on the service trip.

named Washington Zambrano set up the project.

Zambrano had worked with people on the islands before and notified the Charity Anywhere president of the need for dental help.

To be able to go, the Pre-Dental Club had to receive special permission and become citizens of Ecuador.

"The vice president of Ecuador saw a need for the service and gave us permission," Elton said.

However, cost was not a major issue.

The club also was able to find a sponsor that covered almost all the expenses of the trip.

Other volunteers with the group, who were not working with dental care, constructed the

foundations for two drug rehabilitation centers and taught people, mostly children, about dental hygiene.

They taught 10 people at a time and gave attention to each individual to make sure they knew the technique of how to brush and floss.

Many of them have never used a toothbrush before and most of them have never flossed, Robison said.

They would explain to people that by taking care of their teeth, they didn't have to hurt or turn brown.

"Prevention is the focal point of the trip," Robison explained. "It's a lot more helpful to teach them how to prevent the problems than for us to come down and fix them."

For alleviating so much pain, the people showed their gratitude.

"Some people were crying — especially moms bringing in their little kids. One city threw a party for us with cultural dances," Young said.

Though the Pre-Dental Club gained practical experience, many of them said they learned that dentistry can be more than a job.

"It gave me more desire to be a dentist, not just as a profession, but to be able to help people who are in pain," Elton said.

Robison said, "We were able to help people feel good about themselves every day. It's an aspect of dentistry most of us have never seen and it made us that much more excited to get involved."

## BYU inventions find market in real world

By JENNIFER YATES

While Salt Lake City prepared for the 2002 Winter Olympics, a group of engineers prepared for possible terrorist attacks using technology created by BYU engineers.

The technology, a Watershed Modeling System, routes the path of floodwater throughout a canyon. It is one of many top-selling, BYU-developed inventions that have been sold on a national level.

Recently, Brigham Young University was ranked No. 1 in the nation at turning research dollars into inventions and new companies.

Other inventions include a drug that treats leukemia and a digital hearing aid.

The July 19 edition of the

Chronicle of Higher Education, after a study that covered the last five years, gave BYU the ranking.

The Chronicle also ranked BYU third among American universities at earning income from inventions relative to research spending.

A key to BYU's success is the school focuses on projects with commercial promise, said Lynn Astle, director of the technology transfer office.

"BYU professors and students are working on solutions to world problems and have proven quite successful, even without much of the resources available at large research institutions," Astle said in a recent BYU magazine article.

According to the Chronicle, investments into small start-up companies are another reason for BYU's success.

## DANCE

*Arcade a hit with Games Center patrons*

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the machine being visually, auditorially and physically appealing makes it so popular," Hullinger said. "It is something that your whole body is involved in, making it more appealing than other video games."

Hullinger said the machine was purchased in January and has remained popular all year.

"The machine stays busy most of the time," Hullinger said. "People will be waiting in line and practicing over people's shoulders. I even have had people call and ask if they can buy the machine from us."

Though the machine was purchased for entertainment purposes, Hullinger said the machine is physically beneficial, since it is more active

than regular video games.

Jeremy Burgess, 18, a sophomore from Vernon, British Columbia, majoring in sociology, and an employee at the Games Center, said he sees players of various skill levels try out the game.

"There are the definite regulars," Burgess said. "And there are also people who just try it out. It is kind of a universally enjoyable game."

Burgess said the game is a whole body exercise, focusing on coordination, as well as giving the player an intense aerobic workout.

"You work up a sweat," Burgess said. "It is mind-blowing how difficult some of the steps are, and if you watch someone who can actually do those steps you are even more blown away."

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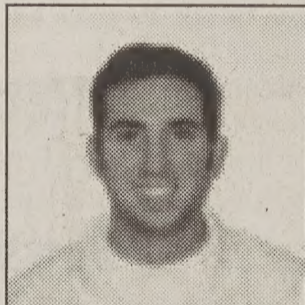


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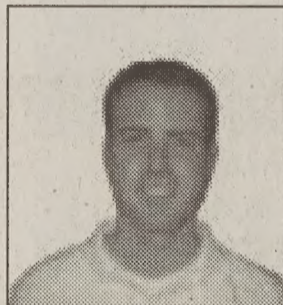


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# Entertainment year wraps up with Eminem

*Movies, music and television had smash bang*

Associated Press

It was a year of huge Hollywood box office, from the slow-build sensation of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" to the steamroller success of "Spider-Man." A year of fresh-faced novelists and a foul-mouthed rapper from Detroit. A year in which TV viewers discovered old "Friends" and gobbled up new reality fare, such as "The Osbournes" and "American Idol." The sour economy hit museums, opera companies and symphony orchestras hard, although the art market and Broadway showed resilience.

2002 in entertainment and the arts offered plenty of escapism fare, as well as new efforts to directly address the fears and tensions of the post-Sept. 11 world.

Halle Berry ("Monster's Ball") and Denzel Washington ("Training Day") made movie history at the Academy Awards, where black actors won both lead-role honors for the first time.

Others won critical respect that had long eluded them: With "A Beautiful Mind," Ron Howard and producing partner Brian Grazer took home the best-picture Oscar and best director for Howard; Randy Newman, who had tied an Academy Award record with 15 nominations but no wins, finally took home an Oscar for "If I Didn't Have You," his tune from "Monsters, Inc."

At the box office, Hollywood had another year of record revenues. Studios piled on blockbusters one after another, with the eagerly awaited comic-book adaptation "Spider-Man" scoring an all-time best debut of \$114.8 million domestically in its opening weekend.

"Spider-Man" went on to top \$400 million, nearly \$100 million more than "Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones," the latest installment of George Lucas' sci-fi franchise.

Other mega-hits included "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," "Signs," "Austin Powers in International Man of Mystery," "Men in Black II" and "Ice Age."

The year's surprise success story was the low-budgeted "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," an old-fashioned romance that rode terrific word-of-mouth to a \$100-million-plus haul.

On his third album, "The Eminem Show,"

Eminem relished his role as America's most reviled entertainer: "I could be one of your kids," he taunted in the song "White America."

And it seemed as if America adopted the rapper as its own. Not only was "The Eminem Show" the top-selling disc of the year, but Eminem's movie debut in the semi-autobiographical "8 Mile" grossed more than \$100 million in a little more than three weeks. Its soundtrack debuted at the top of the charts.

"He's becoming an empire," said MTV personality Carson Daly. "What he did in the last year was transcend music and conquer entertainment, and that's a phenomenon that doesn't happen that often."

Meanwhile, the teen pop craze continued to wane. "Tweens" who used to mimic Barbie-like warblers such as Britney Spears discovered fully clothed singer-songwriters such as Avril Lavigne, Michelle Branch and Vanessa Carlton. 'N Sync's Justin Timberlake's solo debut fell short of the expected blockbuster; Backstreet Boy Nick Carter's foray into solo stardom bombed; and Christina Aguilera's in-your-face sexuality may have turned off more fans than it turned on.

Among the biggest surprises was the success of Ashanti, the R&B songstress who sold nearly 3 million copies of her debut album. And Pink abandoned her R&B sound for rock, and went quadruple platinum.

Country music veered back toward its roots, led by the soundtrack for "O Brother, Where Art Thou?," which dominated at the Grammy Awards. The Dixie Chicks' rootsy return quickly went double platinum.

MTV's "The Osbournes" became the year's loudest argument that reality television is here to stay, with Fox's "American Idol" and ABC's "The Bachelor" also part of that deafening hit parade.

Viewers didn't spurn fiction. NBC's "Friends" was the No. 1-rated program for the first time in its eight-year run. CBS' "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" was the No. 2 show, became a franchise with "CSI: Miami" and gained the top drama spot that NBC's "ER" had held each season since its debut.

"Friends" received the Emmy Award for best comedy series while "The West Wing," also on NBC, was honored for the third consecutive year as best drama. HBO's "Band of Brothers" was named best miniseries.

NBC reigned as the most-watched network, with CBS a solid second. ABC began rebuilding after a serious ratings swoon, and Fox struggled to cope with the end of trademark shows "The X-Files" and "Ally McBeal."

## 'Principle' lays out life lessons

*Simple stories book's selling point*

By AUDREY ROACH

It is often the little experiences in life that can teach people the most, the day-to-day choices we make and tasks people accomplish. In "It's the Principle of the Thing," Don H. Staheli tells simple tales that describe the lessons that can be learned if people simply look for them.

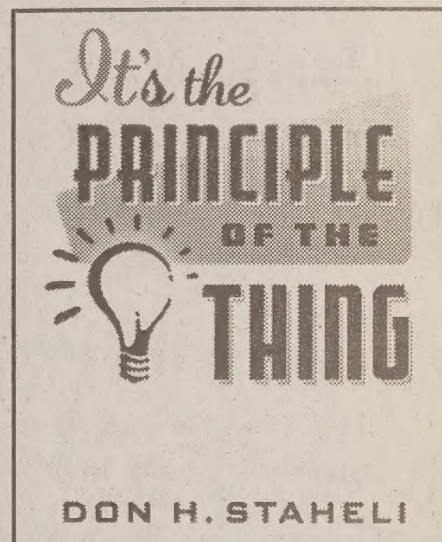
"Principle" is composed of 24 short experiences. Each is told from the point of view of the author, and then a principle is extracted from the experience. The prose is simple, if not overly flowery at times.

The lessons Staheli tries to

"At times it was difficult to wade through the sentimentality, but those instances quickly passed."

impart are easily found in the passages. He tries to connect with the reader through recounting events that he feels are universal, thus allowing the readers to project themselves into the situation.

The simplicity of the book is its strong point. By making these life lessons accessible, the reader is able to enjoy the book, as well as gain insight from its pages. At times it was difficult to wade through the sentimen-



tality, but those instances quickly passed.

This simple, sincere book is worth a look if people want a little feel-good pick me up or just a moral boost for the day. "It's the Principle of the Thing" helps the reader to look beyond the face value of daily interactions to get to the root of the matter. It's an easy read that won't weigh people down.

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## Denominations come together for Christmas concert

*Interfaith group to perform tonight at Provo Tabernacle*

By KEN DAHL

The community will come together as the Utah Valley State College Interfaith Student Association sponsors a free Christmas concert at 7 tonight in the Provo Tabernacle, 99 S. University Ave.

The program includes music from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the

Provo Tabernacle and the American Fork Presbyterian Church and the Provo Tabernacle.

The Interfaith Music Association provides events to unite individuals of all faiths in a common purpose of worshipping."

**Dan Davis**  
Interfaith Music Association

"The Interfaith Music Association provides events to unite individuals of all faiths in a common purpose of worshipping," said Dan Davis, spokesperson for the Interfaith Music Association.

Utah County is unique — people are propelled to activity in some way," said Davis.

The IMA was founded in 1999 by Mariah Fralick. Fralick, who is based in the East and member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said the IMA helps her connect with the Provo Tabernacle community.

"As a member of the LDS faith in the eastern United States, I felt like the minority," Fralick said. "After settling here, I started feeling like I was getting a myopic view of this community because I was not reaching out as much as I could like."

Fralick said the IMA has helped her to look beyond the LDS environment she has lived in for the last 10 years.

"I wanted to look beyond the

scope of my world as an LDS mom in my little neighborhood," Fralick said. "This has been a great connection with the community. I wanted to become involved in the community with other faiths. I knew there were some interfaith programs already in place."

Fralick now serves as the IMA director. The IMA provides a gathering place for residents to volunteer their talents. Currently there are 36 people volunteering with the IMA.

"We are always looking for musicians and people willing to share their talents," Fralick said. "We will be starting an e-mail list at the concert on Wednesday to help spread the word about our events and needs."

IMA helps match the needs of smaller churches with the rich resources of the Utah Valley interfaith community.

Not only will various local religious disciplines participate, but the IMA also pulls local talent from the community organizations. The Y Mountain Bag Pipe Band and the Porter Family Singers are community organizations participating in tonight's event.

Even with the variety of groups performing in the concert, Fralick said the theme for the concert will be the Christmas story as found in Luke 2.

"There will be congregational carols and scripture readings," Fralick said. "All of the music is faith based."

Approximately 10 different religious disciplines will perform tonight.

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# Author's books entertaining, but not surprising

'Baptists At Our Barbecue' explores eccentric LDS life

By HEATHER DANFORTH

With the niche success of movies like "The Singles' Ward," it is becoming increasingly apparent that Latter-day Saints like to laugh at themselves. They like to see characters they recognize from their own wards. Even if those characters are a little exaggerated, they recognize a grain of truth, and it's that grain

of truth that makes this genre sell.

And it's that grain of truth that makes Robert Farrell Smith's book, "Baptists At Our Barbecue," a success. In this novel, Smith takes the noble theme of tolerance and acceptance, sets it in the crazy town of Longwinded, and clothes it in the craziest cast of Mormon characters that he could make up.

The conversation between Ian and Tartan, two of the somewhat more normal characters in the book, sums it up:

"Have you ever seen people like these here in Longwinded?" Ian asks.

"Yeah, these people are just

like those in my ward back in Utah. Granted, my ward in Utah had normal people as well. I think the ratio was one eccentric to every 20 normals. Here it seems to be just the opposite."

The story centers around the character Tartan Jones, a 29-year-old Latter-day Saint single who has never been outside of Utah. He gets fed up with everyone in his ward trying to set him up with their daughters and nieces and friends, takes the first transfer out of town, and ends up in a town that the locals call Longwinded.

Longwinded has exactly the same number of Baptists as it does Mormons. When Tartan

The book was fairly predictable ... but despite that, you'll wonder how Smith found out about all the craziest people in your own ward.

shows up, he breaks the tie and brings on another feuding spat. To add to the injustice of his

appearance, half of the Mormons' double-wide trailer meeting house is stolen. Accusations are flying when the little branch gets a new president, who proposes an inter-faith barbecue.

"You mean, invite the Baptists?" the stunned saints of Longwinded say. When they are finally talked into it ("Just think how much more charitable this will make us look than the Baptists," Tartan pleads), a hilariously bumpy ride to tolerance and acceptance between the two groups follows.

On the downside, the book was fairly predictable. There are no real surprises in the plot. The reader knows what's going to

happen from the first chapter — the question is simply how it will happen, which is sometimes surprising.

Also, some of the humorous lines are forced. (Charity pushed her hair up over her shoulders and let it fall down her back. It reminded me of someone fanning a lengthy book. How novel.)

But despite that, Smith accomplishes what he set out to do. His book is a humorous look at the more eccentric side of LDS culture. And that grain of truth is there. Reading "Baptists At Our Barbecue," you'll wonder how Smith found out about all the craziest people in your own ward.

## 'Absurdity' sprinkles humor through predictable storyline

Love lost and found is not a novel theme

By CHRIS SEIFERT

Mormon boy goes on mission and loses girl. Mormon boy returns from mission and struggles to get girl back.

That's the long and short of it in Robert Farrell Smith's latest Mormon comedy, "For Time and All Absurdity." It's a book with a shockingly predictable storyline that somehow manages to give us a few brief nuggets of satisfyingly insightful surprise along the way.

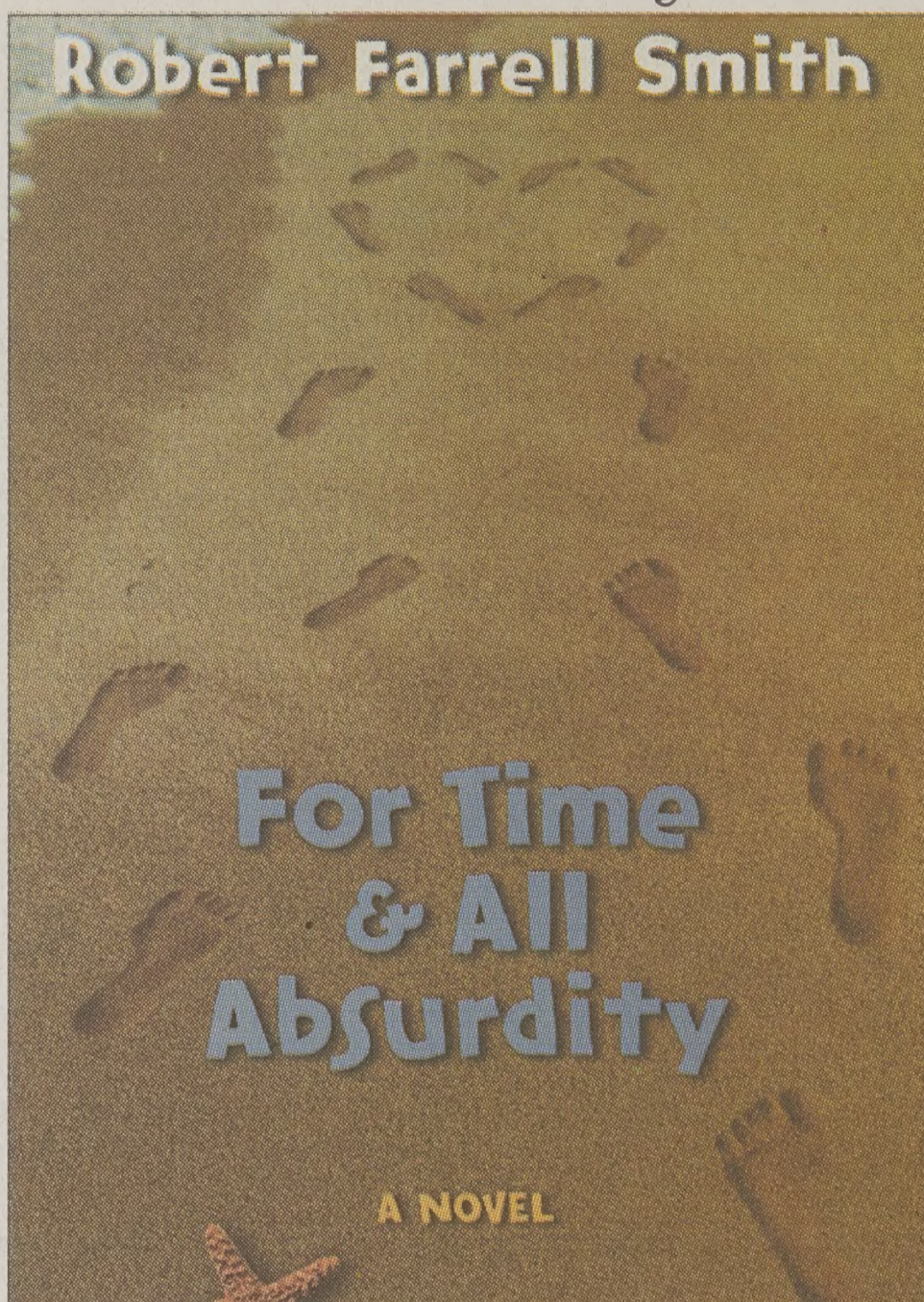
The story is told by Ian Smith, an ordinary teenage kid most people can relate to. Ian's plagued by Murphy's Law, easily embarrassed by his borderline-psychotic family and instantaneously paralyzed by the mere sight of his true love, Bronwyn.

Ian is the proud owner of eight acres of secluded mountain land purchased with his portion of his grandfather's inheritance. Ian built a cabin on the land, and he dreams of one day settling down to a simple, blissful life in the wilderness with Bronwyn as his wife.

But Ian's dreams remain just that: dreams. Even though Bronwyn and Ian's father work together, Ian can't quite seem to get Bronwyn to notice him. Ian leaves for his mission to Germany disappointed but hopeful Bronwyn will one day be his.

His hope is shattered near the end of his mission when his sister bluntly and nonchalantly informs him in a letter that Bronwyn is married. The news sends Ian into an emotional tailspin. He's forced to admit he's lost a girl he never even had.

Ian returns a few months later to a less-than-spectacular homecoming. He's disappointed and demoralized. When he spots Bronwyn at a ward social, he decides to speak to her. The con-



versation — their first — is going just fine, until Ian learns of Bronwyn's recent divorce. He's simultaneously sympathetic, elated and terrified. Now the pressure's on.

Both Ian and Bronwyn soon head off to college where they're forced to endure the inanities of singlehood, insufferable roommates and a life that has them hurtling toward one another on an apparent collision course.

Smith's prose is simplistic. He seems less a master storyteller and more a keen observer and gifted satirist of Mormon culture. He takes playful minisnaps at the small but laughable incongruities of Mormonism. Early in the book, for example, Ian chastises his date for ordering a Coke. Later, Ian describes

himself as too tired in the morning to pray on his knees. Instead, he prays for forgiveness while lying on his back.

There are several comedic gems in this book, like a heart-to-heart between Ian and his father about the stick-pulling prowess of Joseph Smith.

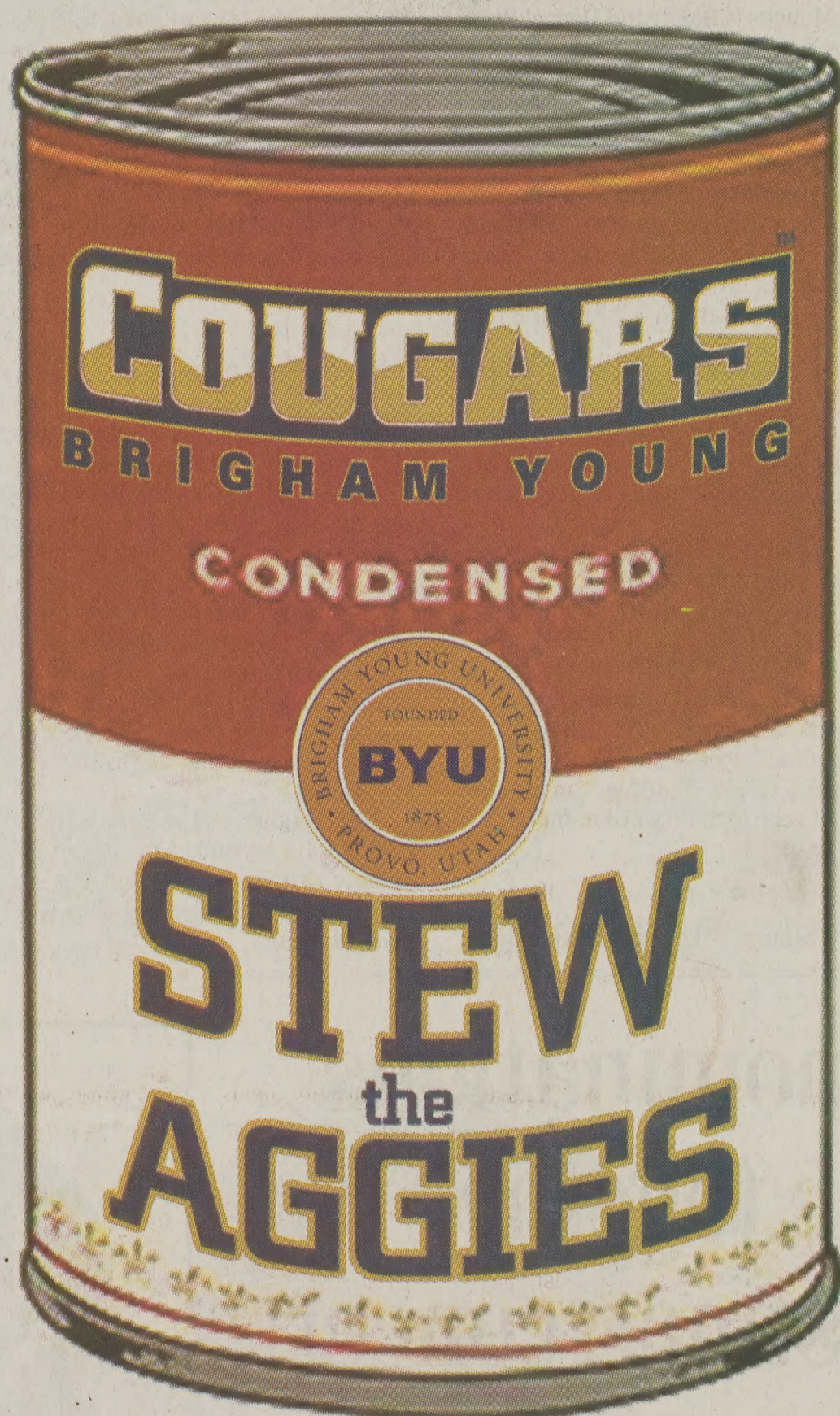
The book will no doubt please audiences looking for a light and light-hearted Mormon read. But for those seeking a bit more to chew on, disappointment is inevitable. The book has plenty of entertaining moments but fails to pull them together into a compelling whole.

In the end, "For Time and All Absurdity" is a predictable jaunt that doesn't exactly surprise us but doesn't really pretend it wants to either.

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## Zsa Zsa recovers from wreck

Actress remains in care after accident

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Zsa Zsa Gabor remained hospitalized in fair condition as she continued to recover from injuries she suffered in a car crash, hospital officials said.

Gabor, 85, suffered broken bones in the Nov. 27 crash and received stitches to close wounds to her head, hands, arms and

legs, according to her husband, Frederic von Anhalt.

Although von Anhalt had hoped his wife would be released from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center within a week, hospital officials said Sunday her condition was unchanged from when it was upgraded to fair on Dec. 2.

The film and television actress was a passenger in the front seat of a car that struck a light pole in West Hollywood.

The car was driven by her hairdresser, who suffered minor injuries, police said.

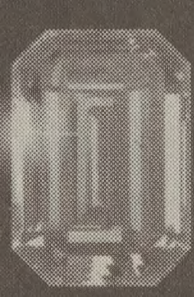
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# No. 22 Cougars clash against No. 24 Colonials

Forward Brittany Larson contemplates her options against a Boise State defender. The Cougars are in Washington, D.C., taking on their third ranked opponent of the year.



Photo by Jack R. Peterson

By LEIGH DETHMAN

Starting the season with a perfect 5-0 record spoiled BYU. A loss on Saturday to unranked Oregon really put things into perspective for the Cougars.

"Us seniors probably needed a little wake-up call," senior guard Erin Thorn said. "The freshmen came in, and they haven't lost. They haven't seen how hard you really have to work to be competitive and to be undefeated or a ranked team."

The Cougar women's basketball team has a chance to get back onto the winning track tonight against No. 24 George Washington University. The game is part of BYU's second leg of its three-week road trip.

The University of Oregon snapped BYU's five-game winning streak, dropping the Cougars three spots to No. 22 in the Associated Press poll.

"I think the loss will be good in the end," Thorn said. "The loss will help us with our hunger, too. I think we will want to win. It will help everybody realize winning is a lot more fun."

Tonight the Cougars have a chance to feed that hunger.

Both BYU and George Washington are ranked in the AP Top 25. In the ESPN/USA Today poll, George Washington is No. 22 and BYU is close behind at No. 23.

A BYU win will most likely result in a higher rank in both the AP and USA Today/ESPN national polls.

George Washington returns all five starters from last season's 21-9 team. The Colonials are picked to finish as the top team in the Atlantic 10 Conference's West Division.

The Colonials' only loss this season was a 22-point defeat to the No. 7 University of Tennessee Lady Vols.

Three George Washington players are scoring in double digits for the Colonials. Senior guard Cathy Joens leads George Washington with 19.8 points per game. The Atlantic 10 Conference named Joens the Atlantic 10 Player of the Week on Monday.

In two wins against Syracuse University and Virginia Commonwealth University, Joens averaged 23 points. Joens scored a career-high 28 points in the win against Virginia Commonwealth.

Senior guard Lindsey Davidson is averaging 10.3 points and 3.0 boards per game.

The Cougars also need to stop Ugo Uha, a 6-foot-4 junior center who averages 13.5 points and a team high 7.5 rebounds per game. Uha was the Atlantic 10's Defensive Player of the Year last season.

In the loss against Oregon, the Ducks dominated the Cougars' posts. Oregon outscored BYU 26-4 in the paint. "We got to have post defense," Thorn said. "We have to be able to go one-on-one."

Thorn said the key to the game is teamwork.

"We have got to play as a team," Thorn said. "We have got to come together as a team and work hard in practices, work hard all the time. We can't have bad practices."

Thorn said coach Jeff Judkins wants BYU to work as hard as the Utah men's team he coached to the Final Four in the 1997-98 season.

"He always says they had only one or two practices the whole year," Thorn said. "I think we've already had three or four, and we're not even really into our season."

"I think if we come into practice more focused and play harder, we'll get the win."

After the game against George Washington, the Cougars travel to Raleigh, N.C., to face North Carolina State on Saturday, Dec. 14.

## BYU looks to rebound from road loss

By MARC OWEN

Hansen said rebounding and turnovers are where BYU needs to make the biggest improvements.

Another spot that has been shaky for the Cougars is the play at the point guard position.

Woodberry has had his problems shooting the ball. He is only shooting 27 percent from the field and 46 percent from the free-throw line.

"I don't think I've played well," Woodberry said. "I'm going through a shooting slump and I shouldn't be shooting the ball that much anyway."

Although Woodberry is struggling, head coach Steve Cleveland said he hasn't lost confidence in Woodberry's abilities.

"There's an adjustment period for every player," Cleveland said. "He needs not to put so much pressure on himself."

Cleveland also said Woodberry needs to worry more about assists than scoring the ball.

The Cougars said they feel there is a lot of work to do despite the 5-1 record.

"It's a good start," junior guard Ricky Bower said. "But we still have a feeling of hunger around the team."

Bower, who has been nursing a herniated disc all season, said he is "feeling better." Bower played a season high 29 minutes against Creighton.

BYU, winners of its last 37 games at home, can now look forward to playing where the surroundings are a little more friendly.

"We're glad to be back home," Woodberry said.

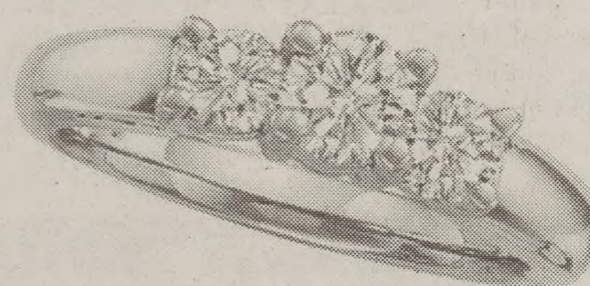
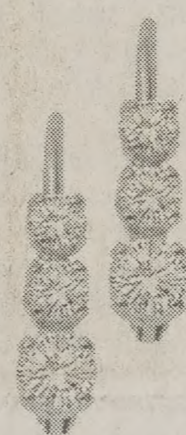
The Cougars welcome a 4-2 Torero team that has already recorded a victory against the then No. 14 UCLA Bruins.

BYU will have its hands full at the center position against San Diego. The Toreros feature a 290-pound center in Jason Keep. Keep averages 17.7 points per game.

The Cougars and Toreros played last year in San Diego, where the Cougars won 70-59. That game was BYU's lone road win last year.

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# Experience could pay off for BYU linemen

By RYAN HOPE

BYU's offensive and defensive lines were hit hard with injuries prior to the 2002 football season, affecting each unit's performance.

Senior offensive tackle Ben Archibald suffered a compound fracture to his leg in fall practice, keeping him out the entire season.

Redshirt freshman defensive end C.J. Ah You tore his ACL within a week of Archibald's injury, also keeping him out the entire season.

Both were projected starters and were expected to be difference makers in the trenches.

The Cougars hope the 2003 season will be different along the injury front, and the experience gained in 2002 on both lines will result in success in 2003.

## OFFENSIVE LINE

"The loss of Ben really diluted us down," offensive line coach Lance Reynolds said. "Sickness and injury really hurt us all season long."

Archibald and senior left tackle Dustin Rykert were the only returning starters for the Cougars on the offensive line in 2002. The loss of Archibald really hurt BYU from an experience standpoint.

The Cougars are losing Rykert for next year, as well as senior guard Ryan Keele and senior guard/tackle Isaac Herring.

Archibald has petitioned the NCAA for a sixth year of eligibility and if granted, Archibald would help the Cougars immediately in 2003.

"We really don't know what is going to happen with him," Reynolds said. "If he does get another year, he'll be more than ready to play."

Junior center Scott Jackson and junior left guard Quinn Christensen will return for the Cougars after starting every game in 2002.

Sophomore right tackle Brandon Stephens saw a lot of playing time in 2002 as he split time with Herring. Stephens began the season at defensive end before moving to

the offensive line following Archibald's injury.

If Archibald returns, the Cougars will have four experienced players along the line.

Other returning players with experience are junior Vincent Xanthos, sophomore Hanale Vincent and freshman Brian Sanders.

Xanthos and Vincent saw most of their time at guard, and Sanders was Rykert's backup at tackle.

Junior Cade McMullin, and freshmen Jake Kuresa, Paul Fisher, Scott Fisher and Rob Robinson all redshirted in 2002.

Twin brothers Paul and Scott Fisher are transfers from Utah, and McMullin sat out this past season after transferring from Ricks.

Returning from missions in time for the 2003 season are Eddie Keele, David Sollami and Kai Jones. Of the three, Reynolds said Keele is probably the most ready to play.

The Cougars are pursuing several highly regarded high school seniors who could make an impact next season if they choose to play for the Cougars.

"The thing we lack the most heading into next season is experience," Reynolds said. "Aside from our top three, the guys haven't played much. It's difficult to replace experience."

## DEFENSIVE LINE

BYU's defensive line will return almost entirely intact for the 2003 season.

Senior defensive end/tackle Jeff Cowart is the unit's only loss, and the Cougars will add some key newcomers.

"I like what I see for next year," defensive line coach Steve Kaufusi said. "They're all good players and I want them to improve and emerge during spring."

Junior defensive tackles Ifo Pili, Ryan Gunderson and Scott Young all return as well as freshman Daniel Marquardt. All four rotated at the two positions in 2002.

Sophomore Manaia Brown will add depth to the defensive tackle position after sitting out 2002 after transferring from Nebraska.

Brown was one of only two true freshmen who saw playing time at Nebraska in 2001.

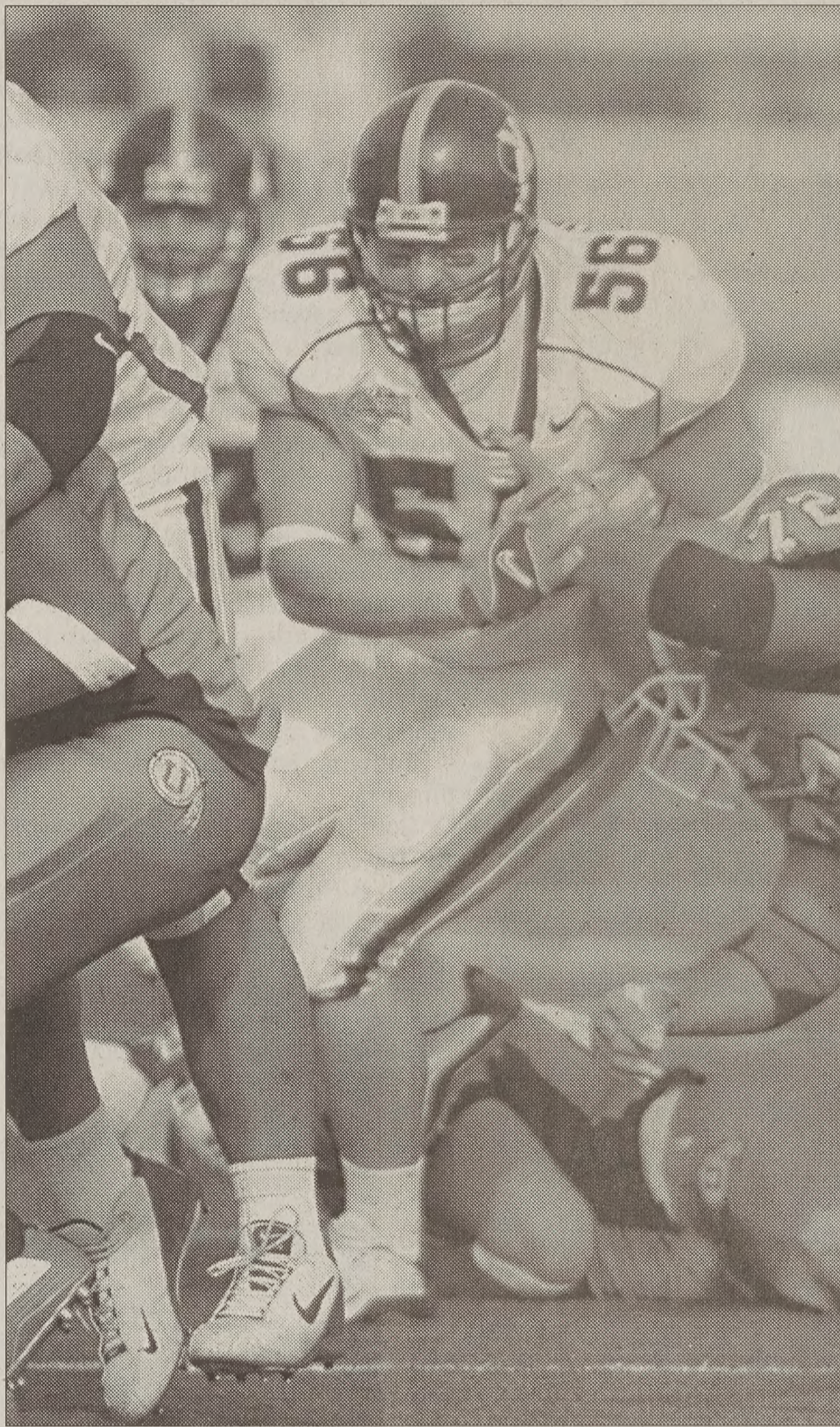


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Junior defensive tackle Ryan Gunderson attempts to stop Utah's offensive line. Gunderson hopes to anchor a defensive line next season that will be more experienced and more healthy than this season's team.

Sophomore defensive tackle Nathan Kolbaba and junior defensive tackle Nick Anderson saw minimal time in 2002.

Ah You was on track to return for the 2003 season, but he tore his ACL in a basketball game, and may not be ready for the season.

Even without Ah You, the Cougars are experienced at the defensive end position.

Sophomore defensive end Brady Poppinga burst onto the scene in 2002, leading the team with eight sacks while also registering 49 tackles.

"I thought Brady Poppinga came in and really stepped up," Kaufusi said. "He became a threat out there on the end."

Sophomore John Denney and junior Shaun Nua also return after seeing considerable time.

Nua finished second on the team with four sacks.

# Injuries force IceCats to hold second tryouts

By JEREMY TWITCHELL

In hockey, the injury bug doesn't just bite; it gnaws.

Hampered by injuries and always looking for new talent, Provo IceCats are holding another round of tryouts Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 4 at 8 p.m. in the Peaks Ice Arena.

"Injuries are costing us," coach Ray Bernier said. "We want to stop the injuries. But injuries are going to come, and we need players to step up and fill those spots."

Provo has lost three players for the season to injuries. Freshman defenseman Cameron Treu tore ligaments in his knee in October, freshman defenseman Justin Pehrson broke his arm just before the elbow in November, and senior wing Joey Hale broke his arm against Utah last week.

Four other IceCats have missed at least one game because of nagging injuries, including both of the team's goaltenders.

The injuries have had an especially large impact on defense, where the loss of Treu and Pehrson, the two biggest players on the team, has left the team shorthanded defensively.

However, sophomore defenseman Mark Ostebo said coaches were planning on holding tryouts before the injuries struck, to give newcomers a chance to join the team.

"There's a lot of returned missionaries, transfer students and guys who play hockey but didn't know about the first tryouts," Ostebo said. "We want to give them a fair shot."

"We're not really looking for anyone that can just be a backup," Ostebo said. "We have three lines on defense and we're all right, but we're always looking for guys that can make an impact."

The coaches said anyone who is interested in trying out but unable to make the scheduled tryouts should contact the coach staff through the team's Web site, [www.byuhockey.com](http://www.byuhockey.com).

"We're flexible," assistant coach Patrick Perrett said. "We're not going to turn anybody away because of their Christmas schedule. We have the latitude to make some adjustments to our schedule, so if there's some guys out there that want to come out and skate, we're going to give them every opportunity."

Ostebo said anyone interested in trying out for the team but sure about the possibility of making it should try anyway.

"Give it a shot," he said. "There's no harm in trying. I think people are scared sometimes, but there's really no reason for that."

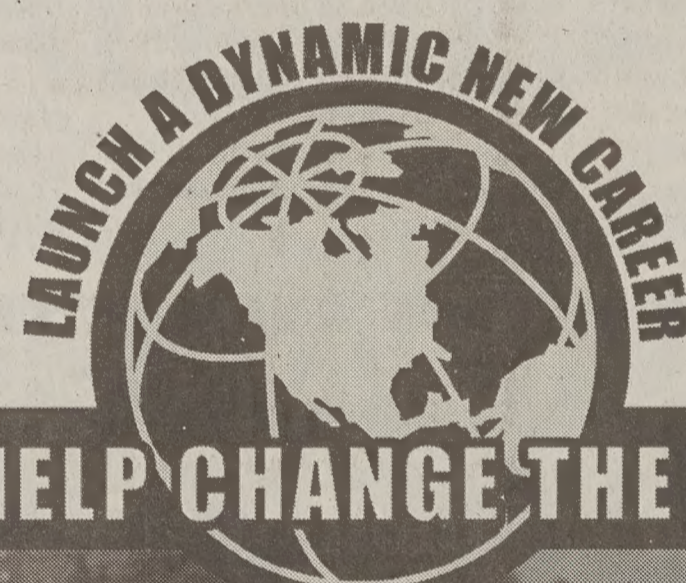
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# All ages protest for peace

Small, low-key protests around the country call for a peaceful solution to Iraq situation

Associated Press

From Goshen, Ind., grannies selecting relief kits to a "die-in" at an Ivy League campus, Americans took to the streets Tuesday for mostly small, low-key events to protest a possible war on Iraq. More than 100 people were arrested.

World War II veteran Ray Kaepplinger was among 40 people picketing outside a Chicago federal office building as 20 others were being arrested in the city for criminal trespass. Kaepplinger, 84, said he had been through the plume of hell in New Guinea and didn't want to see another war erupt. "As far as I'm concerned, President George II is as bad as Saddam Hussein," he said.

About half of the 200 protesters demonstrating outside the mission to the United Nations in New York were arrested for disorderly conduct, including clergy members. Across the country in Sacramento, Calif., nine were taken into custody for blocking the entrance to a federal courthouse. "It's my first time ever," said Maria Cornejo, 41, a mother of four from Dixon, Calif. "That's important this is."

The group United for Peace counted more than 120 planned acts, acts of civil disobedience and marches in 37 states from Alaska to Florida. Protests were being organized by fax and over the Internet by anarchists and communists, evangelicals and others.

In the Mennonite community in Goshen, people gathered soap, bandages, towels and other supplies to send to the poor of Iraq.

Iron Baker, 64, brought in relief kits for shipment through Mennonite Central Committee.

"I'm opposed to any war, any war, anywhere, any place

because war doesn't solve anything," she said.

At the Women's Building in Albany, N.Y., dozens have signed up to fast for one day each to protest the Bush administration's threats of war.

In the nation's capital, about 300 protesters, many with gray hair, staged a march to a park near the White House. Flanked by police, John Steinbach, 56, of Manassas, Va., an organizer of the Gray Panthers, was pushing the wheelchair of his 97-year-old wife, Louise Franklin-Ramirez, who he said had been protesting since 1917.

"The movement was looked on as being mainly youngsters," said Irving Irskin, 84, of Bethesda, Md., "but we want to show it's our war, too."

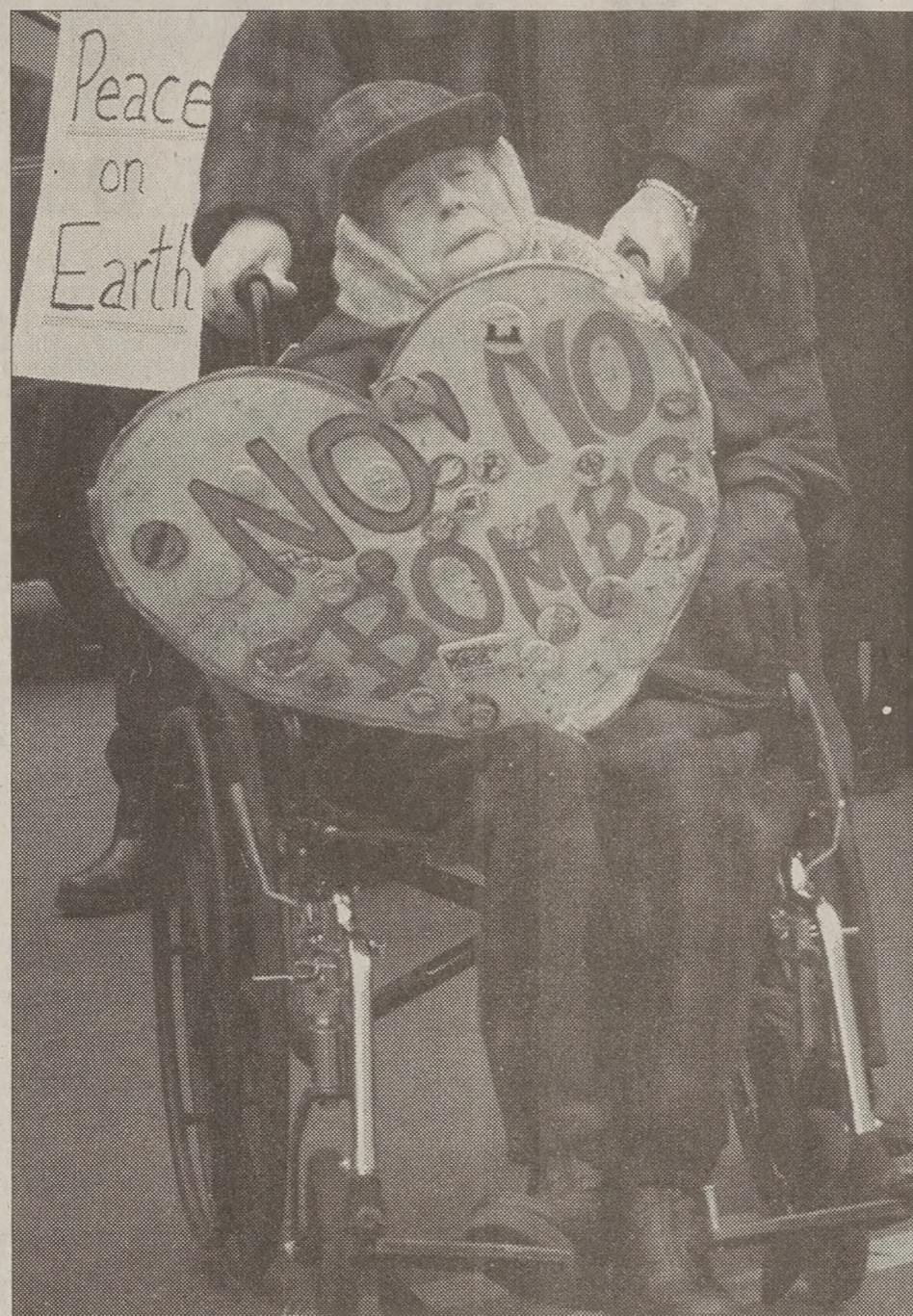
Earlier in Washington, several people were arrested after converging on two military recruiting stations chanting, and plastering windows with red tape.

Students at the University of Michigan set up a makeshift graveyard on a major walkway through the Ann Arbor campus, using cardboard headstones that read "Iraqi child" and "Iraqi man." About 100 students and faculty at Brown University in Providence, R.I., marched with signs and staged a "die-in" in front of the city's federal building.

The White House said President Bush welcomed the protests as part of a "time-honored tradition" of democracy.

While a recent USA/CNN/Gallup Poll found that a majority of Americans still support sending ground troops to remove the Iraqi president, the percentage opposed has nearly doubled to 37 percent since a year ago.

The protests were a far cry



Reuters

Louise Franklin Ramirez, 97, is pushed in her wheelchair during an anti-war march in Washington, Tuesday.

from October's mass rallies in Washington, San Francisco and elsewhere that drew an estimated 200,000 participants. But Eric Garriss, director of antiwar.com, an affiliate of the nonprofit Center for Libertarian Studies, said those events were sponsored in large part by groups with agendas other than stopping a war with Iraq.

Unlike during the Vietnam War, mainstream groups are not waiting for a full-blown conflict to register their opposition. The National Council on Churches, which represents 50 million Christians, took out a full-page ad in the New York Times last

week asking Bush to avert a war.

"It took 12 years for the mainline Christian churches and the Roman Catholic Church to come to an understanding that the war in Vietnam was wrong," said the Rev. Robert Edgar, the council's general secretary and a member of Congress at war's end in 1975.

The day of protest also coincided with former President Jimmy Carter's receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize in Norway.

"War may sometimes be a necessary evil," he said in his acceptance speech. "But no matter how necessary, it is always an evil, never a good."

## Web site may help students plan college

UHEAA releases [www.utahmentor.org](http://www.utahmentor.org)

By SEAN SCHANTZEN

A new Web site released by the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority, [www.utahmentor.org](http://www.utahmentor.org), will help both college and high school students plan their college experiences.

The Web site contains resources to help students decide which major they want to pursue, prepare for standardized tests, plan financial aid, arrange campus tours and submit applications to every accredited college in Utah.

"There are a few things I feel will especially benefit college students," said Philip Bernal, manager of outreach services at Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority. "There is a transfer guide to help students know which of their classes will transfer between schools, a financial aid calculator, a scholarship search, and an online test preparation and review for the GRE."

The Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority is especially concerned with students' financial planning for college, which is why Bernal said he hopes students will use the financial aid calculator to find out exactly what aid they are going to need.

Part of the Web site is the financial path to graduation program, a program developed by BYU to help students plan their expenses through graduation.

"We have a very nice working relationship with BYU that will allow students all over Utah to have the benefit of this program that BYU students have had for

years," Bernal said.

The first school to implement the BYU program will be Dixie College, Bernal said.

The site was developed with the use of extra revenue from loan collections by Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority, Bernal said.

"We have a philosophy that if we have any extra revenue, it should be put back into the community, and the Utah mentor Web site is a good way to do that," Bernal said.

One of the biggest advantages of the Web site is that all its features are free to users and none of the information given by students will be sold or given to other parties, Bernal said.

"It's nice to know that all the interest we pay on students loans and such is going to something that is going to help us as students," said Scott Nielson, 23, a junior from Layton, majoring in finance.

"It is certainly a very valuable site," said Wallace Fairbanks, guidance counselor at Timpanogos High School. "The problem is publicity; many kids either don't know about the site or don't know enough about it to use it. They're just so indifferent."

Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority sent packets with posters and pamphlets to Timpanogos High School and other high schools throughout Utah to create publicity for the Web site, but Fairbanks said he's found it hard to get students to use the Web site.

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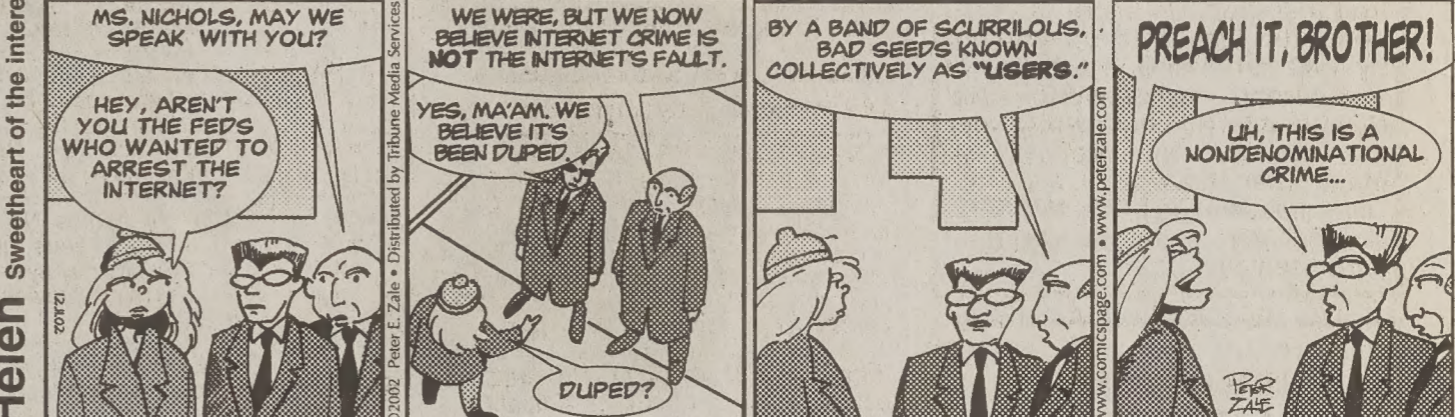
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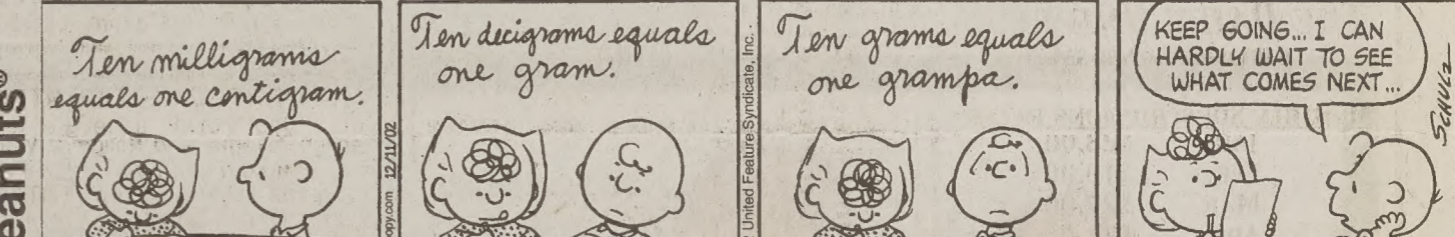
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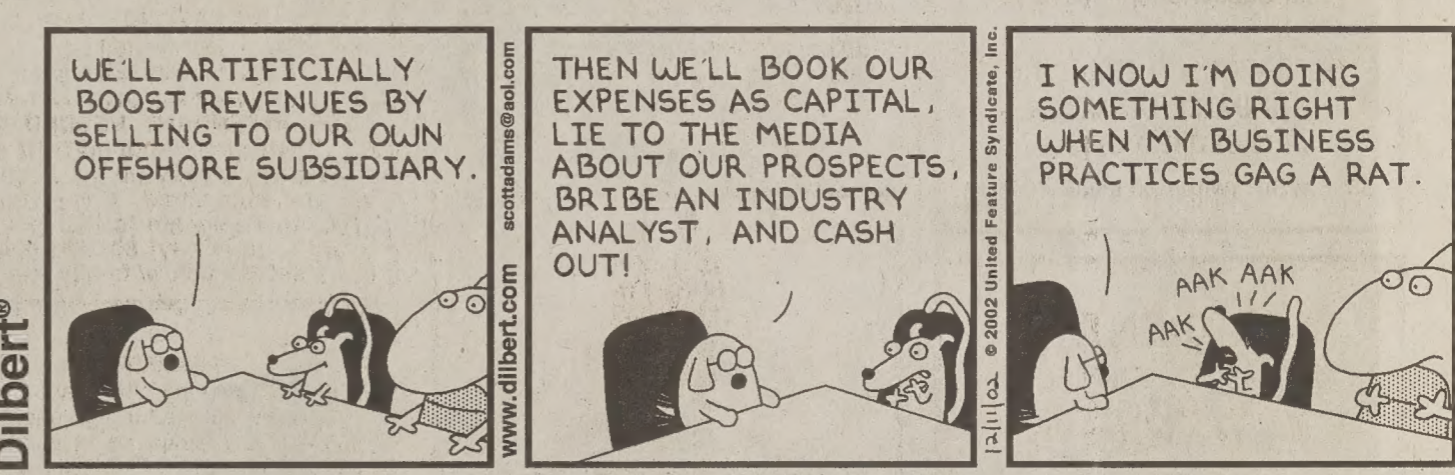
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# Services focus on family ties, self-worth in adopted families

*Agency started in 1919, has expanded internationally*

By JILLIAN B. DORIA

Instead of nine months, BYU assistant professor of journalism Robert Walz only had a basketball game and two days to prepare to be a father.

"It was the NBA championships, the Lakers versus the Celtics. It came to the last seconds of the game and they fouled Kareem, and they were down by one. Then the phone rang. I thought 'oh great, who could be calling at this critical time,'" Walz said.

"So I went to pick up the phone, and it was a guy from LDS social services. He said 'we've got a little boy for you,'" Walz said.

His life changed dramatically. His wife quit her job the next day, resulting in a loss of half the family's income. He also had to start ironing his own shirts instead of sending them off to the cleaners, he said.

"There were a lot of adjustments we had to make, but it was well worth it," Walz said. "It was the happiest day of my life when we picked him up. He's been my best friend ever since."

Before they adopted their first child, the Walz family was on a waiting list for three years. But since then, Walz and his wife have adopted three children.

"Our children have filled our lives with a lot of love," Walz said.

On the heels of National Adoption Month in November, organizations nationwide, including the LDS Church, have hyped up efforts to promote and celebrate adoption as a way to build loving families. Walz and Joseph Heagany, director of LDS Family Services Provo Agency, agree that people often misunderstand adoption.

"Some people don't know how to react to it," said Christy Crowe



Christy Crowe Hughes (top left) is part of a family where all the children are adopted. Her father is BYU English professor Chris Crome. From top right Jonathan, Carrie, Elizabeth Crome and Joanne.

Hughes, 22, a sophomore English major from Provo. "Some people think that if there is not a biological connection, how can you be connected at all."

Hughes is the oldest of her four adopted siblings. Her brother, Jonathan, is on a mission, and her two younger sisters are in high school.

"I think the fact that my sisters are a different race, it is obvious they are adopted," Hughes said. "Some people can't see how we get along with each other or how we see each other as a sister."

Sometimes even LDS Church members' misconceptions cause misunderstandings about adoption.

mon misconception, but LDS doctrine teaches children are born innocent even if a child feels they are a product of immoral behavior.

"One of the major reasons why the LDS Church is involved in adoption services is the importance of family," Heagany said. "The adoptions we facilitate lead to an eternal family. We believe that those infants can receive the blessings of the temple."

Hughes said being LDS and adopted was more to her advantage because it "does something to you spiritually and emotionally."

"I have known other people who aren't LDS and they feel they need to meet their biological family and that hasn't been an issue with me," said Hughes. "The fact that we are all adopted has brought us closer together than most siblings because we

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vide numerous adoption services.

The agency was started in 1919, and since then has expanded internationally.

Some of the services they provide are counseling to birth mothers, birth fathers and grandparents regardless of religious affiliation, education classes for the birth parents and adoptive parents, and advocacy positive view of adoption.

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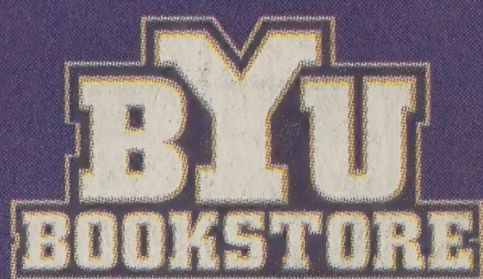
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